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In re application of		Examiner: Michael Thaler
Drasler, et. al.		Group Art Unit: 3731
Serial Number: 10/036,175		
Filed: 12/26/2001		
Re: Intravascular Folded Tubular Endoprosthesis		

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**RECEIVED**
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Honorable Commissioner, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed 04/01/2004; Applicants have read the concerns made by the Examiner to the pending claims and have addressed these concerns in the Remarks section of this Amendment. Additionally, the Applicants wish to state that Applicants invention has a priority date of 26 April 1999, and this priority date preceeds the filing date of two required prior art patents used by the Examiner in raising concerns regarding obviousness or being anticipated by that prior art patent; further detailed discussion of this also is found in the Remarks section of this Amendment. The Applicants request the Examiner to cancel claim 88 and reconsider the remaining pending claims for allowance .